

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

detecting an unbalanced quality of a power control signal received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for the plurality of base station transceivers;

increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of the wireless device; and

decreasing a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

means for detecting an unbalanced quality of a power control signal received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

means for increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for the plurality of base station transceivers;

means for increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of the wireless device; and

means for decreasing a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.

37. (Previously Presented) A computer readable media embodying a method, comprising:

- detecting an unbalanced quality of a power control signal received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

- increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for the plurality of base station transceivers;

- increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of the wireless device; and

- decreasing a power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.